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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 14-APR-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 04/14/01	PREVIOUS WEEK 04/07/01
BRO-FRY	151,488	154,619
LT HENS	1,618	2,056
HVY HENS	1,559	1,543

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEKS ENDING 07-APR-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	339	0	399
LAST WEEK	434	27	461
SAME WK YR AGO	586	11	597
TO DATE 2001	7,388	100	7,488
TO DATE 2000	7,736	50	7,786

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,432	1,443	3,875
LAST WEEK	2,477	1,350	3,827
SAME WK YR AGO	2,595	1,356	3,951
TO DATE 2001	33,745	18,232	51,977
TO DATE 2000	36,037	19,164	55,201

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 07-APR-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	153,854 (A)	2,033	1,443	3,476
AVG WT	4.92	3.57	7.88	5.36
LAST WEEK	150,228	2,043	1,323	3,366
SAME WEEK YR AGO	153,585	2,009	1,345	3,354
AVG WT	5.03	3.38	8.03	5.24
TO-DATE/2001	2,098,544	26,357	18,132	44,489
TO-DATE/2000	2,151,923	28,301	19,114	47,415

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 150.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 155.7 million head or 5.6 million head less than or 104 percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING MARCH 31, 2001**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

HEAD	31,444	37,632	40,803
AVG WEIGHT	3.82	4.68	6.07
% OF TOTAL /1	29%	34%	37%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	33,566	21,646	50,691
AVG WEIGHT	3.83	4.67	6.00
% OF TOTAL /1	32%	20%	48%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	30,629	33,997	40,399
AVG WEIGHT	3.75	4.60	6.07
% OF TOTAL /1	29%	32%	38%
TO DATE/2001	415,775	344,715	565,609
TO DATE/2000	439,398	410,309	512,120

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 07-APR-01
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,254	2,603	52	0	4,909
AVG WT	16.29	35.57	23.11	0.00	26.59
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	2,068	2,615	31	31	4,745
SAME WEEK YR AGO	4,912 (B)		0	75	4,987
AVG WT	25.81 (B)		0.00	26.61	25.82
TO-DATE/2001	64,421 (B)		536	226	65,183
TO-DATE/2000	64,392 (B)		200	542	65,134

(B) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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